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Stereo store armed robbery

Riverside, CA -- A manager and an employee at a Riverside car audio shop were tied up, beaten and robbed at closing time, Thursday, July 31, 2008.

Three suspects, two reported as armed with handguns, entered Extreme Audio Stereo Shop at 10495 Magnolia Ave., through a rear service door, at about 7:20 p.m., Thursday night confronting and threatening the victims at gunpoint. The employee was led to the management office where both he and the manager were bound to chairs with duct tape and struck in the head and face.

The suspects stole an office safe then spent approximately 30 minutes in the business taking numerous electronic items, including in-dash car stereos, navigation systems and amplifiers. Total loss is estimated about \$175,000.

Police were summoned when one of the victims managed to trigger an alarm at 8:12 p.m., after the suspects left. The manager was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries.

The suspects are described as black adult males. One of the armed suspects was 5'10"; the other two are described as 6'2". All are stocky build and were wearing dark clothing, including dark short-sleeved shirts. The two armed suspects displayed semi-automatic handguns and wore black ski masks with mouth cutouts

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to call Riverside Police Detective Mike Medici at (951) 353-7104.

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